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## RUMOR SAYS DR. PRATT GETS APPOINTMENT

Strong rumors current on the streets this morning are to the effect that Dr. John S. B. Pratt is to be, or has been appointed president of the Board of Health to succeed Hon. E. A. Mott-Smith, whose resignation was supposed to take place today.

Governor Frear at noon stated that he still has no announcement to make in the matter.

The source of the rumors is so high that there scarcely seems a chance that they are incorrect, but still they cannot be confirmed until the Governor sees fit to do it.

Just before noon President Mott-Smith was waited upon by the entire office staff of the health department, and presented with a handsome loving cup. The presentation was made by Superintendent J. D. Macveigh, of the leper settlement, who spoke feelingly of the regard which the members of the force have always felt for the outgoing chief. Mr. Mott-Smith was very evidently affected and replied briefly, and a little incoherently, in expressing his thanks.

### Frear Non-Committal.

There is a meeting of the board this afternoon at three o'clock, which is supposed to be the last under the present head. Governor Frear, however, smilingly pointed out the fact that Mr. Mott-Smith's resignation, while specifying the 15th of August as the time it shall take effect, also provides for his continuing until his successor has been appointed.

Dr. Pratt at the present time holds the position of general health officer of the board, and he has been connected with the department in various capacities for a decade or more. He is a thoroughly trained sanitarian, and he has traveled extensively through Europe and America during the past few years making a special study of health matters and sanitary progress.

Dr. Pratt has been President Mott-Smith's right hand man during all of the past several years, and he is known to be perfectly in sympathy and in fullest harmony with the plans worked out for sanitation work for Honolulu, which have been developed by the present incumbent.

## JORDAN SAYS SENATE SHOULD RATIFY TREATY

"I have my own opinion of those senators," was the remark of Dr. David Starr Jordan when seen on the Chitoy Maru this morning, after he had read the telegram from Washington to the effect that there had been opposition in the Senate to the proposed treaty between Great Britain, the United States and France.

The professor was asked why he was going to Japan, and he said: "I am going over to Japan for the purpose of finding out exactly what is the true state of affairs over there. I have also had a great many invitations to lecture there. Perhaps there are thirty altogether, but I do not know that I will be able to accept them all, as I have planned to leave Yokohama on October 11 for the United States by the Mongolia. This will bring me here on the 21st, when I hope to have another day in Honolulu."

### Treaty Should Be Ratified.

"I certainly think that the treaty should be ratified as it stands. What the nature of the opposition in the Senate is I do not know. I do not believe that it is patriotic. The treaty is unlimited, and that is a point of importance about it. Questions of honor are not excluded. Sometimes these unimportant questions are wrangled

over until the people get mad about them.

### The Address Tonight.

"My address tonight will be in favor of peace. I will put the case against war, pointing out how war destroys reality and the wealth of nations, and crushes the peasantry. The way out of war is simply through processes of law being applied to petty international troubles just as they are to other matters. Frequently international matters are very trivial. Take for instance, the Morocco question. And people are all the time charged extra for living in a riotous country."

"I am going to Japan to find out authoritatively, what is going on there. I will give lectures and will explain the friendliness of feeling in America towards the Japanese, and the belief that the Japanese are also friendly towards the United States. I will tell them that it is the desire to fill the states of Washington, Oregon and California with white people, but that there is no insult to Japan intended on this matter. I will, if possible, visit Korea as well during my tour, but I will not go to China."

"The trouble in San Francisco, of course, is that it is unionized, and the Japanese being out of the unions, work for smaller wages than the white

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## TAFT STRONG AGAINST RECALL OF JUDICIARY

(Associated Press Cables to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—President Taft today sent to Congress a message vetoing the Arizona and New Mexico statehood bill on account of the provision in the proposed Arizona constitution applying the recall to the judiciary.

The President says that the judiciary recall provision is pernicious and would submit judges to legalized terrorism, destruction of their independence, and would be injurious to the cause of good government.

A resolution for admission of the proposed new states with the recall proposition eliminated was introduced in the Senate by Smith of Michigan.

### END OF 'FRISCO GRAFT CASES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—The district court of appeals has ordered Superior Judge Lawlor to dismiss the trolley case bribery indictments against Calhoun, Ford, Abbott and Mullally. This ends the graft prosecution cases.

### POPE NOT IMPROVED.

ROME, Aug. 15.—The condition of Pope Pius is practically unchanged.

### DOES ARBITRATION BREED WAR?

WASHINGTON, August 15.—The report of the Senate committee on Foreign Relations says that arbitration treaties are breeders of war, not peace.

### ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION.

WASHINGTON, August 15.—Senator Penrose has introduced a resolution to adjourn on August 22.

### THE AVIATOR OFF.

CHICAGO, August 15.—Atwood has started.

### AMATEUR MAN-BIRD KILLED.

NEW YORK, August 15.—Wm. Badger, an amateur aviator, has been killed by a fall.

### JAPANESE VOLCANO ACTIVE.

TOKIO, August 15.—The volcano Ashiyama is in eruption and several people are believed to have been killed.

### TROOPS, QUIET LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, August 15.—Three thousand troops are here and the city is quieter.

(Morning Cable Report on Page 7.)

## WHY ARE MOSQUITOES SO MUCH MORE PLENTIFUL?

Editor Star: The mosquitoes are getting very annoying out Makiki way just lately, and why "lately" is the puzzle. Only a few weeks ago, and back for many months, there seemed none. Why is this? Conditions for breeding do not seem to be different of late. Where do they come from just now? The complaint comes from all sections, not only from my locality. A close hunt fails to reveal any standing water, stagnant or otherwise. I have noticed that at Wahiawa they are just as plentiful as at Waikeiki, among the swamps.

Why not a systematic and scientific investigation into the reason for this? They seem to come in seasons

without any apparent cause. Do they breed in water only, or in wet grass, or palm leaves? It's time for our Board of Health to find out if they expect to exterminate them. There seems a lot of ignorance as to just why they are so plentiful now when a few months ago there were none. There can be no doubt of the eaves on our houses being a harbor and a breeding place for them. But this should not apply to just the present time. The eaves are always with us. And the mosquitoes are plentiful only at times. Let us have an investigation by competent persons as to the cause of this, with facts, not theories. M.

## OAHU TUNNEL PLAN IS PROBABLY A GO

Only a decidedly adverse report of Engineer J. B. Lippincott would now result in the abandonment of the Oahu Sugar Company of its plan to tunnel the Koolau range for the purpose of bringing water for irrigation purposes from the windward side of the island. Mr. Lippincott returned to Honolulu on Saturday night after spending several days last week on the Koolau side, looking into conditions of the possible water supply to be obtained. He will go out this week and examine the project from the Wai-pahu side, and will in all probability follow the line of the proposed tunnel to the top of the range.

The Oahu Company has already had two separate surveys made, and these in considerable detail. Mr. Lippincott's coming here, with an assistant, would seem to indicate that there will be no delay in getting to work on the scheme in case the noted expert thinks it is feasible.

The chief problem appears to be one of a water supply. No very extended tests have been made of the flow from the numerous springs on the other side of the range, but these seem to be very constant. The water is believed to really come from the leeward side of the range, being deflected back by some impervious stratum with a northerly inclination.

United States Hydrographer Mendenhall, the expert on underground waters who spent the summer of 1909 examining the water resources of the islands in company with M. O. Leighton, chief of division, spent two months of his time in studying the

geology of this island alone, in connection with the artesian water supply, but up to the present time, he has made no report, although such a report in connection with the present problem would doubtless be of very great value. It is understood that Mr. Mendenhall expected to get his report out over a year ago, but was delayed for many months through inability to get certain data which he had entrusted to others in the Territory to collect for him. Before receiving the information desired he had been transferred to a new position of great responsibility, which has so claimed his time that he has not been able to take up the Hawaiian matter at all.

## DANGER SPOTS AT THE BEACH

An inquest was held last night on the body of George W. Schrepple, who was drowned at Waikiki on Saturday afternoon, the verdict being one of accidental drowning.

A rider was added, to the effect that: "It is the opinion of this jury that the territorial government is negligent in not filling this hole from which the said George W. Schrepple's body was taken, or placing danger signals over it so as to prevent the further sacrifice of life."

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## CONGRESSIONAL PARTY IS COMING

That a party of twenty-five congressmen and their wives are expected to sail from San Francisco on September 2nd, leaving there by the steamship Sierra, is information received by the Governor from George McK. McClellan, secretary to the Delegate in Washington.

The Governor received the letter just before starting for his little vacation

trip to Kauai, and the letter was consequently not made public until now.

The Governor, however, seems to feel that the chances are good for the carrying out of the plans—in fact he stated that the money necessary to pay the expenses of the prominent party to Hawaii has already been sent to Mr. McClellan. The probable personnel of the party is not known.

## NO GOLOBRICK, SAYS GOVERNOR

Governor Frear this morning made reference to the press reports from Hilo to the effect that the Board of Supervisors of the Big Island have been telling each other that the last legislature handed the counties a gold brick, a lemon, or something equally undesirable, when it gave them money for public improvements through a Territorial loan, and then saddled the counties with the burden of keeping up a sinking fund to retire the bonds.

"The inference being, I presume, that their revenues are to be cut to that extent," said the governor.

"That, of course, is not true, as a matter of fact. The counties are to get more under the new tax laws passed by the last legislature for the same purposes than before. Through the bond money they are relieved of the burden of public improvements from their current revenues."

"The sinking fund comes out of additional revenues handed over to the counties, which would otherwise have gone into the Territorial treasury. In other words, the legislature requires the counties to keep up this sinking fund, and then hands them the money to do it with."

## TO LOOK INTO GRAVITY SYSTEM

Charles S. Stanton, manager of the Katmuki Land Co., will leave in the Sierra on Wednesday, to be absent about six weeks. He is going to Minneapolis and Chicago to look into the gravity system of transportation, in connection with the company's project of installing a gravity line upon Palolo Hill tract by way of Wilhelmina Rise. Minneapolis has a gravity line in operation.

In Mr. Stanton's absence, F. E. Steere will take his place in managing the affairs of the Katmuki Land Co.

## MRS. BECKLEY'S CASE GOES UP

The question of Mrs. Beatrice Campbell Beckley's age, as governing her rights to receive her inheritance forthwith under her father's will is going to the Supreme Court for decision. It has come up to Judge Robinson in the form of a friendly suit in equity, brought by Mrs. Beckley, by her guardian, Robert W. Shingle, and papers were under preparation this morning whereby circuit judge will reserve the question to the Supreme Court.

James Campbell set the time for distribution of her shares to his daughters as upon their attainment of majority or their marriage. Beatrice was married before her attainment of her majority and the trustees are afraid to hand over her patrimony until it is judicially determined whether they are barred by her minority.

## ESTATE OF LATE CAPT. DE GREAVES

S. C. Stibbard, executor of the will of John De Greaves, deceased, petitions for approval of first and final account and discharge. He charges himself with \$547.20 and asks to be allowed \$82.75, showing a balance of \$464.45. His commissions are waived. Besides the cash the estate owns real property with improvements valued at \$1,050. The petition will be heard on September 25.

Deceased was well known as Captain De Greaves. After giving up the sea he drove a hack in Honolulu for some years. In that occupation he fell into trouble on account of a sack of opium found in the hack. During his later years he lived quietly at Kakaako, writing a book giving original theories on the science of navigation. This he never found means to publish. He died on Molokai.

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## BEATEN TO DEATH AND HER BODY PLACED IN A HACK

Mrs. Albert Toogood, a half-white girl, well known about town as Daisy Toogood: "What did you do to that Spencer, was brutally beaten to death in the old McGrew premises on Punch-bowl last night. The murdered woman, who was 22 years of age, has had a varied career as Daisy Spencer, Mrs. Charles Wagner, and latterly as Mrs. Toogood.

Deputy Sheriff (Rose) stated this morning that the evidence obtainable pointed to a clear case against Toogood, husband of the dead woman. His theory is that Toogood took his wife about 10:30 p. m. from the Empire chop house and proceeded in the direction of their home. He thinks that they had a row outside the McGrew premises and that Toogood followed the woman into the enclosure and killed her there, afterward dragging her body under the bougainvillea tree and leaving it there while he went down town and stole a hack, in which he drove back to the scene of the crime and into which he loaded the body.

The fatal blow appears to have been by a soda water bottle, the victim being struck on the back of the head. The premises show signs of a long struggle.

Rose thinks that Toogood's idea was to drive the body somewhere into the country and hide it.

Hackman identifies Toogood. A dramatic incident occurred this morning at the morgue. While Luk En, the hackman, and Toogood were standing close together looking at the murdered woman a flashlight was turned on Toogood's face, whereupon Luk En exclaimed excitedly: "That's the man who was driving my hack."

A coroner's jury, consisting of J. Carey, F. Turrill, C. Neiper, E. McCorkiston, T. Lee and H. J. Holmes, viewed the remains at the morgue this morning and then proceeded to the old McGrew premises, where the murder is supposed to have taken place.

Accuses Brother-in-Law. When Toogood was taken to the morgue today he feigned ignorance of the reason for which he had been brought there.

Deputy Sheriff Rose removed the

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